

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided are a computer program, method and system providing simplified administration of groups of computer programs. Command target qualifiers are defined which enable a command to be targeted at either an individual computer program or all members of a group of computer programs. Additionally, scope parameters are defined which enable a command to be targeted at specific computer system resources managed by the computer programs within the group. The computer system resources which are to be accessible to all members of a group have an associated scope parameter defining shared or group access and are held in shared storage, whereas computer system resources to be accessed by only one computer program in the group have a corresponding scope parameter and are held in the local storage of the individual computer program. The invention enables a reduction of the time taken to perform administration and control operations for the group and reduces the risk of inconsistent specification of commands that can arise when a system administrator is required to repeat entry of a command several times.

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